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KNOW THE WORLD OVER

ENGLAND'S POLO TEAM IS NOT SO BAD AS PAINTED

Capt. Lockett Says It Is One of the Best Which
Ever Went After the Cup.

LONDON, May 20.—Capt. Vivian Lockett, who will be one of the reserve players on England's polo team, does not think the four so shockingly bad as some critics over here would have us believe.

Judging by the way he talked he really is optimistic, although he does not consider the ponies the best that could be obtained. He said:

"Despite a lot of adverse criticism, inspired chiefly by jealousy, this year's British polo team is the best that could possibly be turned out. I honestly think we are going to make the Americans sit up this time. If we win the first match America will have to bring out the real big four, and I think Capt. Whitely will be obliged to play.

"Many Englishmen seem to find criticism in adversity, and I think the reason for the pessimism over this year's combination. You see, it is well balanced, much better, in fact, than last year.

"I believe Cheape will be a bigger success than Hunter at back. Tom-

Other American League Games

Hamilton Blanks Yankees.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Hamilton held New York to five scattered hits here yesterday, and St. Louis shut out the Yankees, 3 to 0. Next to Hamilton's great pitching, the batting and fielding of Wares featured the work of the St. Louis team.

St. Louis scored twice in the third inning on Wares' single, Agnew's triple and a passed ball. Wares' double, an infield out and an error by H. Williams resulted in the visitors' third run in the seventh inning. Keating pitched good ball for New York. Score: St. Louis, 3; New York, 0.

Two-base hits—Wares, 2; Agnew, 1; Williams, 1. Sacrifices—Wares, 2; Agnew, 1. Errors—Wares, 1; Williams, 1. Double plays—Keating, 2; Hamilton, 2. Struck out by Keating, 2; by Hamilton, 3. Passed balls—Wares, 1. Time of game—1 hour and 28 minutes.

Cicotte Allows One Hit.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Cicotte pitched in wonderful form yesterday and Chicago shut out Philadelphia, 3 to 0.

Atchams, who singled with one out in the eighth inning, was the only home player to reach first base. Cicotte was given perfect support, Chase handling the only difficult chance offered by the home players.

Only four balls were knocked to Chicago outfielders. Shawkey was hit hard. Score: Philadelphia, 0; Chicago, 3.

Two-base hits—Shawkey, 1; Cicotte, 1. Sacrifices—Shawkey, 1; Cicotte, 1. Errors—Shawkey, 1; Cicotte, 1. Double plays—Shawkey, 1; Cicotte, 1. Struck out by Cicotte, 1; by Shawkey, 1; by Brester, 1.

NATIONALS MAY TAKE LEAD IN PENNANT RACE THIS WEEK

Griffen Are Now but Two and a Half Games Behind
Detroit—Johnson, Pitching Today, Is Expected to
Make Clean Sweep of Series With Naps.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

With the Nationals but two games and a half behind Detroit and half a game behind Philadelphia, it is possible for the Griffen to take the lead in the race before the present week is out. Beginning tomorrow the Griffen and Athletics hook up in a three-game series, while the Nationals will be entertaining the St. Louis Browns. If the locals can keep up their present clip they are sure to gain on the leaders, and perhaps pass them both, though the chances are that the St. Louis aggregation will prove a harder nut to crack than has either Chicago or Cleveland. Detroit is to be up against "Dutch" Leonard in Boston today and if that clever southpaw is in form the Tigers' chances of winning the day game of the series will be rather slim.

A defeat for the Tigers and a clean sweep over Cleveland by the Nationals would put the Griffen within whispering distance of the leaders by tonight, and while the Athletics and Tigers are hooked up for the remainder of the week one or the other is sure to suffer, and it remains for the Nationals to beat the Browns to gain ground.

Nor is it a clutch that the Athletics will win the final game from the White Sox. Jim Scott is slated to work against them today, and if he pitches in the form he displayed here in the game in which Ayers beat him 1 to 0 in ten innings there is a good chance for the Sox winning another game.

While base ball is much too uncertain to make any predictions as to the outcome of any specific contest, the Nationals' chances of making a clean sweep of the present series with Cleveland are decidedly brighter for the reason that Walter Johnson is slated to pitch, and as he has shown good form of late he can be figured to win. What is more, the Nationals are playing a grade of base ball right now. The team is not hitting as it will, but it is making up for its shortcomings in this respect by intelligent inside ball and brilliant defense. A sixth straight victory today may put the Griffen in front of the Athletics and a game and a half behind Detroit.

There was considerable dissatisfaction expressed by many of the spectators at yesterday's game when, after Grane had been won in the ninth, he was allowed to steal second and third, yet this was good base ball, though a slip-up by John Henry jeopardized the Nationals' lead.

With a four-run lead Griffith was willing to give the Naps a run rather than weaken his lead. Hence he had his infield play back and allowed Jim Shaw to wind up. Grane was on third when Jackson got a swinging hit in front of the plate. Henry should have thrown Jackson out at first and allowed Grane to score, but he tried to delay the throw to first long enough to allow Jackson to reach there. Grane scored and Jackson was on the bases with none out, when, if the play had been made on Jackson without giving any attention to Grane, one run would have been over the plate and the bases would have been cleared. After it had been announced that the Naps the one run no effort to prevent it should have been made.

With a little more experience Jim Shaw is sure to prove a capable running mate for Walter Johnson. The husky youngster has the ability to make a great pitcher, and considering the fact that he is only nineteen years old and is really in his first year in real base ball his work this spring marks him as being one of the finds of the season.

It is a natural player. He has a world of speed and a curve ball which is simply unimpeachable, and when he gets perfect control he can throw a little more about the pitching art he is sure to be a sensation. His work in the game yesterday was nothing short of brilliant. The scoring line was a credit to him. He was not his fault, for the ball was not hit out of the infield, Shaw has the speed to get to the bases in time. In every one of his games he has been at his best during the closing innings, which speaks well for his stamina.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Baltimore, 7; Kansas City, 3.
St. Paul, 10; St. Louis, 1.
Indianapolis, 15; Brooklyn, 2.
Chicago, 4; Pittsburgh, 0.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Minneapolis, 2; Columbus, 1.
Louisville, 2; St. Paul, 2.
Cleveland, 3; Kansas City, 1.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Toronto, 4; New York, 1.
Rochester, 2; Providence, 1.
Buffalo, 4; Jersey City, 3.

TRI-STATE LEAGUE.

Reading, 6; Allentown, 5 (ten innings).
Harrisburg, 3; York, 0.
Trenton, 3; Wilmington, 0.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Mobile, 6; Chattanooga, 1.
Memphis, 3; Birmingham, 2.
Nashville, 7; New Orleans, 0.
Mobile, 1; Atlanta, 0.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Portland, 6; Oakland, 6 (ten innings).
San Francisco, 10; Seattle, 4.
Sacramento, 3; Venice, 1.

NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

Winston-Salem, 12; Asheville, 2.
Durham, 6; Greensboro, 1.
Charlotte, 5; Raleigh, 0.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Denver, 7; Omaha, 6.
St. Joseph, 10; Wichita, 4.
Lincoln, 3; Sioux City, 0.
Des Moines, 7; Topeka, 0.

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

Fitchburg, 4; Lawrence, 3.
Lowell, 10; Lynn, 0.
Portland, 10; Lewiston, 1.
Worcester, 7; Lowell, 2.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Oakland, 3; Fort Smith, 0.
St. Paul, 10; St. Louis, 0.
Muskegon-Joplin; wet grounds.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

Dallas, 7; San Antonio, 1 (first game).
Dallas, 2; San Antonio, 0 (second game).
Fort Worth, 10; El Paso, 2 (seven innings).
Austin-Bastrop; rain.
Waco-Houston; rain.

K. I. T. LEAGUE.

Cairo, 6; Clarksville, 2.
Shreveport, 3; Greenville, 2 (thirteen innings).
Paducah, 5; Hopkinsville, 4.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Hartford, 1; New London, 0.
Bridgeport, 7; New Haven, 5.
Waterbury, 10; New Britain, 4.
Springfield, 6; Pittsfield, 5.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

Augusta, 10; Columbia, 0.
Charleston, 1; Jacksonville, 0.
Columbus, 6; Albany, 4.
Savannah, 10; Macon, 0.

There were two brilliant plays pulled by the Nationals yesterday which indicated that the team is playing a high grade of base ball. The first was a triple play in the eighth inning, when Griffith pulled by Gandil, Shanks and Morgan. The second was a clean sweep of the opposition napping. Gandil scored easily because of a misplay by the home team. Of course, there was no chance to make a play on either Shanks or Morgan under these circumstances.

Shanks caught his team another run in the fifth, when with Milan at third he unexpectedly pulled the squeeze play, hunting clearly past the pitcher, and Milan virtually walked home, though Lajoie managed to throw out Shanks at first. Griffith has his team playing better ball now than ever before. There are frequent displays of real intelligence in the system of play, and the team is winning even though it is not hitting as it will.

John Henry caught a splendid game for Jim Shaw. He handled his delivery well and displayed judgment in working the youngster. The one legitimate attempt to steal was made by the Naps, Grane trying to pilfer second in the first inning, but Henry's throw easily beat him to the bag.

Had a triple play been necessary to retire the Naps in the seventh the Nationals' pitchers would have made another one of their features. Jackson and Lajoie hit safely in this inning before a man was retired. Johnson struck out, and then Olsen hit a sharp grounder, and then Olsen, in a brilliant throw, forced Lajoie at second, and Morgan got the ball to Gandil in time to get Olsen at first. This retired the side, but Gandil threw home and Jackson was caught by Henry at the plate, though this out was not needed.

Bill Reidy, the Naps' scout, had several looks at Jim Shaw at York last season, but, knowing that he was the property of

PROVES ONE OF PITCHING FINDS OF THE SEASON



PERTINENT COMMENT Happenings in Sportdom

By J. ED GRILLO.

Harry Lord, who quit the White Sox and probably the game, is one of the few players who never took kindly to the game. It is a fact that Lord, though he was a professional for ten years, never cared for base ball. He played it for the money that was in it, but often expressed himself as willing to quit if he could do anything else which would pay him as well. There are few men of Lord's disposition in base ball. The average player breaks into the game because he likes it. He plays it, too, because of his love for the game. But Lord forced his interest in the sport. He always gave his team his best efforts, but he enjoyed the off days more than the victories.

Jack Bentley will be out of the game for several days. He was reported sick in bed this morning suffering with chills and fever. Bentley was rounding into good form, and it was Griffith's intention to use him in one of the games with St. Louis.

There is little chance of Lord ever entering the game again. He proposes to engage in some other business, according to reports. Lord is educated. He graduated from a college with high honors. Lord has a desire for the higher things of life, and he says he will never play ball again.

Bobby Wallace, the veteran shortstop of the St. Louis Browns, will not come here with Rickie's team, which opens a series of three games here tomorrow. Word was received this morning that Wallace had accepted one of the buns of his last team, and that he had been sent home to St. Louis.

Frank Chance has concluded that he needs more hitters on his team before there can be any hope of it cutting a figure in the race. He has sent out Scout Art Irwin to find desirable material, but just where Irwin or any other scout can produce such players from is a puzzle. Hitters are something that every club wants. There is not a team in either circuit which would not make room for a good hitter, but they are few and far between. Nowadays it is next to impossible to buy ball players. Clubs that have high-class material want to keep it, and do so, and there is nothing left but to develop material, and that requires a lot of time.

The pitching this spring is remarkably strong, judged from the light batting which prevails in both major leagues. After a month of playing the pitchers seem to have improved much more than the batters, and unless there is a material change close scores are sure to continue.

So long as base ball has been played the pitcher has always had much the better of the batter. A 300 hitter gets only one hit out of three attempts, or thereabouts, and he stands out in a league. This spring the pitcher seems to have wised up on how to work batters, and a change of pace is much more frequently used now than it was a year or so ago, when this deceptive mode of pitching was resorted to by only a few of the twirlers.

According to Joe Vila, in the New York Evening Sun, base ball's leading politicians already are figuring on making peace with the leading promoters of the Federal League. While nothing will be done until the end of the season, it seems probable that if the Wards of Brooklyn, Weegman of Chicago and Stifel of St. Louis grow tired of bucking a stone wall they will receive invitations to come to the organized league. The big magnates who are in the situation, however, say that outside of these three cities the Federal League is doomed.

The national commission has figures to show that at least five of the eight Federal clubs are unable to make ends meet, that the receipts indicate inability to pay the enormous salaries guaranteed to the players under contract. Various schemes are discussed by those who expect to deal with the Wards, Weegman and Stifel next fall, but no definite plan has been mapped out. Organized base ball men predict that inside of the next two months it will be an easy matter to talk terms with the enemy.

Chicago critics, in trying to discover a reason for the sudden fall of the White Sox from first place to the second division, blame the injury to Ray Schalk. This youngster is a wonderful catcher, and all the twirlers work better with him behind the bat than any of the other catchers Callahan can boast of, it is claimed. But that is hardly the cause of the slump, for Callahan's pitchers have been doing good work; but the team has played poorly, and neither hits nor fielding up to a high standard. The early start of the Sox was strictly a fluke, and it was the general belief of those familiar with the strength in this league that it would only be a matter of time when the team would drop down where it really belongs.

Frank Chance is anxious to have Birdie Cree and Bert Daniels, two of his former clubbers who are now playing with Baltimore, returned to him. These players are hitting like fiends in the International League, and are given credit for having put the Orioles in the pennant. Chance thought he would improve his outfield by ridding the team of these players, but he seems to have been in error, and is said to be now trying to get Jack Dunn to return them to him. This, however, is not likely, for Dunn has a hard fight on his hands in Baltimore, where the Federal League is very popular, and there would be no chance for him to hold his own if he weakened his team.

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WIN OR LOSE.	.321	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.			Thom (221).....	75	84	64
			Savage (227).....	72	82	75
			Totals	145	166	137
AMERICAN LEAGUE.			Grand total, 448.			
Washington... 4			Baker (201).....	61	69	71
Cleveland.... 2			Henderson (245).....	88	85	72

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	4	Cleveland	2
Chicago	3	Philadelphia	0
Boston	6	Detroit	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	7	Boston	5
New York	5	Cincinnati	2
Chicago	6	Philadelphia	1
St. Louis	6	Brooklyn	2

SCHEDULES.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Cleveland at Wash.	St. Louis at Wash.	
Detroit at Boston	Detroit at Philadelphia	
St. Louis at New York	St. Louis at New York	
Philadelphia at Philadelphia	Philadelphia at Chicago	

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Brooklyn at St. Louis	Brooklyn at Cincinnati	
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh	Brooklyn at Philadelphia	
St. Louis at Chicago	St. Louis at Philadelphia	
Philadelphia at Chicago	Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	

CUBAN LOSES TO TARRASCH.

Forced to Resign Just Before Call of Time.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—Play in the international quintangular chessmasters' tournament was resumed at the local club in this city yesterday afternoon when in the eighth round of the contest Capablanca had the white pieces against Tarrasch, and Alechine opened his game by taking Marshall, while Lasker had a bye. The Cuban champion got into deep water and had to resign just before the call of time. Alechine and Marshall played a drawn game.

Today adjourned games between Alechine and Capablanca and Lasker from the fifth and seven rounds will be disposed of. The record to date:

Lasker	Won.	Lost.
Capablanca	10	5
Alechine	9	5

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